

served on the Sacramento Transportation Authority, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District, and the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District. In 1998, then Governor Pete Wilson appointed him to the Commission on Local Governance for the 21st Century. From naming a blue-ribbon panel to improve school test scores, to championing economic development issues and working to bring consensus to regional transportation issues, his mark on the community is clear.

As Councilman Raney steps down from the city council to pursue professional goals and commit more time to his growing family in their new home, he does so as more than a former councilman. He will be remembered as one of the founders of the City of Citrus Heights, and as a solid example of a true public servant.

#### HONORING THE WOODMERE SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION SONS OF ISRAEL

##### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the past, present and future female congregants of Congregation Sons of Israel—Woodmere Synagogue.

For over 70 years, the Woodmere Sisterhood organization has promoted ideals that lie not only at the core of Judaism, but at the core of humanity. Their involvement on Long Island has affected individuals on many levels. Hundreds of women have dedicated themselves to bettering our community and on June 2, members of the Congregation will honor the Sisterhood at the annual Journal Dinner Dance.

These women led other congregants in perpetuating the rich heritage of the Jewish people through a variety of community outreach programs. These included trips to various museums, "Lunch and Learn" Sabbaths, screenings of pertinent films and lecture series.

They established and maintained a Judaic library and Video Center for the use of the congregation and Hebrew School. They also created several scholarship funds. One offers teens the opportunity to spend a summer in Israel; one offers partial tuition to the Hebrew High School; one offers needy children partial tuition to the Morgenstern Hebrew School; and one subsidizes camp tuition. They also have a Torah Fund for the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City.

The Sisterhood plays a crucial role in certain day-to-day operations of the Synagogue. Their participation in the local community varies from providing new floral arrangements for the sanctuary every Sabbath to gift-giving on special occasions: Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, weddings and births. The Sisterhood was also instrumental in hosting Bat Mitzvah classes for adult women in the congregation.

The Sisterhood is involved in International matters, especially those concerning Israel. The current situation has greatly affected all members of Congregation Sons of Israel—Woodmere. The Sisterhood just concluded a fund raising drive to purchase an armored school van for an Israeli school.

The list of the Sisterhood's accomplishments and contributions is endless. Today I

rise in recognition of the countless women who have contributed to this effort, in particular the following past Sisterhood presidents:

Florence Behrens, Rosetta Sokoloff, Jeanette Kirshenbaum, Roslyn Mayer, Gertrude Wickel, Ann Studner, Mildred Kreiss, Gertrude Leinwand, Mollie Lewitt, Rose Lewis, Sherle Gross, Dorothy Feldman, Charlotte Koss, Dorothy Kimmel, Bertha Snyder, Blanche Finkel, Lila Goldman, Anne Selier, Barbara Semel, Arline Slepoy, Edna Ritzenberg, Muriel Liebowitz, Rosalie Bachana, Karen Boxer, Joan Mann, Shirley Fisher, Audrey Liberstein, Leslie Aronin, Teri Stein, and Liane Feuer.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 128, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

#### IN PRAISE OF THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S SUPPORT OF OUR 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHTS TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

##### HON. RONNIE SHOWS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my praise to President Bush for declaring that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess a firearm and is not tied to the maintenance of state militias.

On Monday, Solicitor General Theodore Olsen made the Bush Administration's position clear when he filed briefs in the Supreme Court on two cases that are under review. In short, it is the Administration's position that the Second Amendment grants an individual the right to keep and bear arms.

I am pleased that the Bush Administration has recognized that the Constitution protects individual rights to keep and bear arms. But we must always remain vigilant against efforts to strip us of our rights. As a member of the National Rifle Association, I vigorously oppose any gun control efforts that violate our Constitutional rights, such as national registration of law-abiding gun owners or misguided law suits against gun manufacturers.

Some people believe that enacting new laws against guns will prevent school violence or crimes committed with guns. It is easy for them to equate gun violence with the need for greater gun control, but this is a complex problem with many factors contributing to it, not just guns. We should stop looking for scapegoats. Simply enacting more gun control laws on top of the many already in place does not begin to address this problem.

Again, I applaud President Bush for taking a strong stand in favor of our constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

IN HONOR OF DR. MARTY PLAX

##### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marty Plax, for his 26 years of service as Director of The American Jewish Committee's Cleveland Chapter. His tenure as Area Director was characterized by integrity, character, and intelligence.

Marty Plax's academic background made him an ideal candidate to serve as director of the committee. After receiving an undergraduate degree from Washington University in 1963, he went on to the State University of New York at Buffalo where he earned a Masters Degree and Ph.D. in Political Science. Dr. Plax then embarked on a highly distinguished academic career, which included lecturing and holding professional positions at a number of major universities. In addition, Dr. Plax shared his expertise as the Visiting Scholar at the Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles and served as Adjunct Associate Professor at Cleveland State University since 1979.

Moreover, Dr. Plax is a man with a strong social conscience, who used his academic training to assist him in community involvement. He is a prolific social writer who has published several books, numerous articles, and countless "Letters to the Editor." However, his writings were only one aspect of his community work. He can be best described as a "Contemplative in Action." A leader in Community Conflict Resolution, he has been involved with mediation since 1968, served as Chairman of the Ohio Boxing Commission, as a member of the Community Relations Committee for The Cleveland Orchestra, and on the State Advisory Committee of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

I ask my colleagues to join me in rising to honor this truly remarkable individual for his distinguished years of service to Cleveland, the United States, and the world.

#### REMARKS BY BILL WEBB, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CONGRESSIONAL FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE

##### HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I would like to enclose in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the remarks of Bill Webb, Executive Director of the Congressional Fire Services Institute, during a ceremony honoring one of our colleagues, NICK SMITH of Michigan, for his support of our Nation's fire and emergency service personnel.

Good afternoon. My name is Bill Webb, Executive Director of the Congressional Fire Services Institute. Established as a non-profit, nonpartisan policy institute, CFSI serves a unique role in Washington, DC educating Congress about the needs and challenges of our Nation's fire and emergency services . . . not the needs of one particular facet such as the career or volunteer fire service or the chiefs, but all fire and emergency services providers.